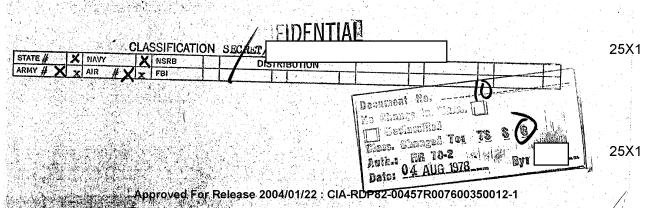
- which a road paralled . A spur trace led to this group of buildings.
- 2. A considerable portion of the landing field was used as a dispersal area. The aircraft were parked in several rows one behind the other north of the hangars, alrost the entire width of the field. Biplanes were jarked in the western section of the field. In this section three wooden frence were also seen, each frame with about 15 wings. (2)
- 3. A total of about 180 aircraft were perked at the field. About 120 planes were twin-chaine borbers with in-line ensines which did not extend as far as t'e nose of the fuselage. They were m'd-wing rone langs with streight leading edge of wings, lateral trailing edge, slim fuselne, plexislass nose, single rudder assembly, one wear a projecting boye d nose, but no re r gunner's station or nose wheel. About 15 aircraft ware biplanes and the remainder, abo t lo, wire four-en ine bumbers which were seen from a distance. (3)
- "rst of the flights were made by inlanes tracticing take-of's and landings. The tran-engine aircraft made comspic custy few flights, and those only individual flights. The four-online lanes seemed to be parked at the field, recause individual take-offs were very solder seen. No nint ter flying formation or parachute jumps were consisted.
- 5. Soviet civilians said that a military airfield was located south of Chialev, south of the Ural River, and east of the single-trac railroad line leading from Chialev to Aktualinsk (50°1711/5701515). From Thying of served source believed that the fink as occupied by single-engine Righters until the fall of 1949, Apparently no regular flying was conducted at te field. Individual a d for ation flying with we to four rlanes was chen ved. (4)



(5) This contradicts previous information according to which more airfields are allegedly located so the of Chkalev.

Desides the two airports mentioned above, lheadrfields, wartime fields or training fields, were in the vicinity of Chkalev during the war. It is possible that these lhefields were abandoned after the war and that only the transports are still in operation.

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